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This paper is a request for a continuation under 37 CFR §1.53(d) of:

Applicant: LAWRENCE J. WANGH PH.D.  
Title: PRENATAL SCREENING

Prior U.S. application no: 09/226,766  
Filing Date: January 6, 1999

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b).

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

This request includes 2 sheets.

Enclosures:

- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Petition for Suspension of Prosecution under 37 CFR §1.103(b).
- Copy of previously filed Petition for a 5-month extension in prior application 09/226,766
- Postcard.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

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I hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.10 that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Post Office to Addressee with sufficient postage on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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Basic filing fee	\$370
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$450
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$42	\$0
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$820

A request for an extension of five (5) months in prior application Ser. No. 09/226,766 has already been filed by Express mail on 3/14/02. A copy of that request is enclosed herewith.

A check for the filing fee is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

A request by applicant for suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of three (3) months and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) are enclosed.

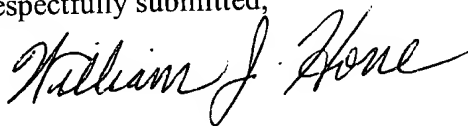
If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (212) 765-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

Please send all correspondence to:

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Respectfully submitted,



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